AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

- 1. (Currently Amended) An absorbent article comprising:
- a liquid pervious topsheet,
- a liquid impervious backsheet,
- an absorbent body enclosed therebetween,

the liquid-impervious backsheet comprising a strip part and a remaining part, the strip part being an integral part of the backsheet, the strip part having a different color than the remaining part of the backsheet, and

a wetness indicator arranged at an inside of the liquid impervious backsheet in a pattern and being visible through the backsheet,

wherein the wetness indicator is disposed on the strip part such that identification of the location of the wetness indicator is facilitated by the strip part that has a color and wherein that color is different than the color of the remaining part of the backsheet and

wherein the color of the strip part is an indicia that provides an indication of a product type, size, or absorption capacity of the article.

- 2. (Currently Amended) An absorbent article comprising:
- a liquid pervious topsheet;
- a liquid impervious backsheet;
- an absorbent body enclosed therebetween;
- a separate strip of material fastened on the inside of the backsheet, the strip having a different color than the backsheet; and
- a plurality of wetness indicators arranged at an inside of the liquid impervious backsheet in a pattern and being visible through the backsheet,

wherein the wetness indicators are disposed on the strip such that identification of the location of the plurality of wetness indicators is facilitated by the strip that has a color and wherein that color is different than the color of the remaining part of the backsheet and

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wherein the color of the strip is an indicia that provides an indication of a product type, size, or absorption capacity of the article.

3-4. (Canceled)

- 5. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article as claimed in claim 1, the article having a length in a longitudinal direction, the strip part extending in the longitudinal direction of the article over an entire length or at least an essential part of the length of the article.
- 6. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article as claimed in claim 1, wherein the strip part extends in a transverse direction of the article and is applied at a part of the article that is intended to form a folding line for a folded packaging position of the article.
- 7. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article as claimed in claim 1, wherein the strip part has a width between 1 and 8 cm.
- 8. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

printed symbols or codes on or adjacent the strip part, the printed symbols or codes also being an indication of a product type, size, or absorption capacity of the article.

- 9. (Previously Presented) An absorbent article as claimed in claim 1, wherein the absorbent article is a diaper or an incontinence guard.
- 10. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article as claimed in claim 1, wherein the strip part is between 2 and 7 cm in width.
- 11. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article as claimed in claim 1, wherein the strip part is between 3 and 6 cm in width.

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12 - 18. (Canceled)

- 19. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article as claimed in claim 2, the article having a length in a longitudinal direction, the strip extending in the longitudinal direction of the article over an entire length or at least an essential part of the length of the article.
- 20. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article as claimed in claim 2, wherein the strip extends in a transverse direction of the article and is applied at a part of the article that is intended to form a folding line for a folded packaging position of the article.
- 21. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article as claimed in claim 2, wherein the strip has a width between 1 and 8 cm.
- 22. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article as claimed in claim 2, further comprising:

printed symbols or codes on or adjacent the strip, the printed symbols or codes also being an indication of a product type, size, or absorption capacity of the article.

- 23. (Previously Presented) An absorbent article as claimed in claim 2, wherein the absorbent article is a diaper or an incontinence guard.
- 24. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article as claimed in claim 2, wherein the strip is between 2 and 7 cm in width.
- 25. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article as claimed in claim 2, wherein the strip is between 3 and 6 cm in width.

26-43. (Canceled)

44. (Currently Amended) An assortment of products comprising:

a plurality of absorbent articles of at least two different types, sizes, or absorption capacities of the articles,

wherein each absorbent article comprises:

- a liquid pervious topsheet,
- a liquid impervious backsheet,
- an absorbent body enclosed therebetween,

the liquid-impervious backsheet comprising a strip part and a remaining part, the strip part being an integral part of the backsheet, the strip part having a different color than the remaining part of the backsheet, and

a wetness indicator arranged at an inside of the liquid impervious backsheet in a pattern and being visible through the backsheet,

wherein the wetness indicator is disposed on the strip part such that identification of the location of the wetness indicator is facilitated by the strip part that has a color and wherein that color is different than the color of the remaining part of the backsheet,

wherein different colors of the strip part are an indicia that provides an indication of the difference in the product type, size, or absorption capacity of the article.

45. (Currently Amended) An assortment of products comprising:

a plurality of absorbent articles of at least two different types, sizes, or absorption capacities of the articles,

wherein each absorbent article comprises:

- a liquid pervious topsheet;
- a liquid impervious backsheet;
- an absorbent body enclosed therebetween;
- a separate strip of material fastened on the inside of the backsheet, the strip having a different color than the backsheet; and
- a plurality of wetness indicators arranged at an inside of the liquid impervious backsheet in a pattern and being visible through the backsheet,

wherein the wetness indicators are disposed on the strip such that <u>identification of</u> the location of the plurality of wetness indicators is facilitated by the

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strip that has a color and wherein that color is different than the color of the remaining part of the backsheet,

wherein different colors of the strip are an indicia that provides an indication of the difference in the product type, size, or absorption capacity of the article.